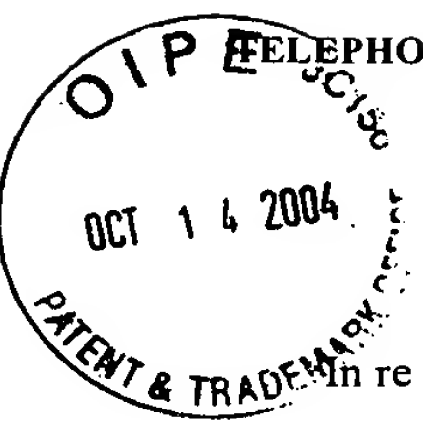


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SIR:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

☒ No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(4) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	(6) RATE	(7) ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	*26	MINUS	*26*		( ) X 9.00 ( ) X 18.00	\$ .00
INDEP. CLAIMS	* 3	MINUS	3	X 0	( ) X 44.00 ( ) X 88.00	
Application amended to contain any multiple dependent claims not previously paid for.				( ) YES ( ) NO	( ) \$150.00 ( ) \$300.00 ONE TIME	\$ .00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$ .00	

\* If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5.

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☐ Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend this time for response to the Office Action dated \_\_\_\_ for \_\_ month so that the period for response is extended to \_\_\_\_ A check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is attached to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to deposit account No. 501519. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment to account No. 501519. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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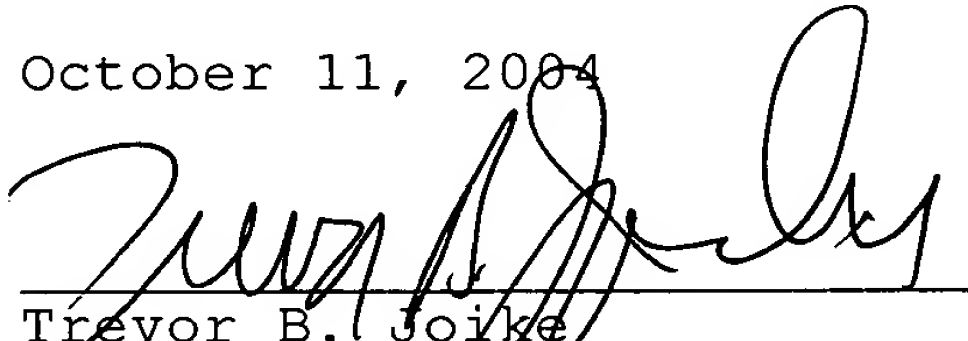
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTION**

Claims 1-26 remain in the application. Claims  
15-26 are allowed. Claims 3-7 and 10-14 are objected to  
as being dependent on a rejected claim but are otherwise  
considered to be allowable. Claims 1, 2, 8, and 9 are  
rejected.